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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Okinawa Bureau--April 1981

I. GENERAL

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. We have undertaken some limited Soviet television coverage since the satellite antenna became operational in early April. At London's request, we filed comment on Poland by CPSU spokesman Leonid Zamyatin made during an 18 April "International Topics" program. Coverage later in the month has included texting of the "Studio 9" program on the 25th and live video coverage/recording of the May Day parade in Moscow.

2. XINHUA reported on 1 May that the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee meeting, postponed since last December, will be taking place soon. While there was no indication of an exact date for the session, western press reports, citing "informed sources" in Beijing, say it will be in early June.

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3. XINHUA reported on the 30th of April that the PRC's first English-language daily, to be called the "CHINA DAILY", would be published in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou starting in June. Trial issues were to start appearing on the newsstands three days a week in May to test the response of readers. XINHUA said the paper is intended largely for tourists, diplomats and other foreigners who are in the country. The bureau plans to take out a trial subscription.

4. The Taiwan daily LIEN HO PAO wasted little time in responding to the reformatting of the FBIS China DAILY REPORT. An article in the 5 April paper, noting that the FBIS decision to place material from both the PRC and Taiwan in one "China" volume effective 1 April, called this a "fool's trick" on "April Fool's Day."

5. Several noteworthy coverage changes took place in April. MONTSAME (Russian and English) coverage was transferred temporarily to Seoul Bureau effective 27 April in order to give our sole Russian monitor more time to work with the Soviet satellite project. Coverage of Lhasa Radio was transferred to Hong Kong on the 20th as reception here continued to deteriorate.

6. Chinese monitor [ ] continues on extended sick leave STAT in Taipei (see our March Monthly Report). [ ] who was slowly STAT recovering from surgery in late February and had returned to work in April, returned to the hospital for additional surgery on the 27th. This was for removal of additional cysts detected following the earlier surgery. Stephen appears to be recovering from his latest hospitalization and hopes to be back to work in a couple of weeks.

#### B. Communications

A two-man Air Force communications team from The Camp Drake, Japan, ASC visited the bureau on 29 April in connection with an annual survey of all tributary stations. The purpose of the visit was to review communications procedures, publications and files, and operational records. The team was very complimentary of commo unit chief [ ] and our communications unit STAT in general, describing it as the "nicest communications center they had visited," with "all records and files in perfect order." On 4 May, [ ] STAT and Assistant Engineer [ ] attended a 1-day ASC seminar STAT sponsored by the Drake team (held at Okinawa Marine Headquarters) for tributary supervisors and other personnel who deal with the ASC.

#### C. Technical

1. A commercial power line has been extended beyond the bureau, in the direction of Bolo Point. Prior to the extension, two Okinawa Electric Power Company (OPEC) employees visited the bureau and discussed the plan to extend the line (6.6KV) to a point about one-half mile beyond the bureau.

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The path of the new line runs parallel to the Bolo Point road, but along the coast, north of (behind) the bureau's storage quonset and incinerator. Although we would have rather not seen this extension of electric service, it was inevitable, and we believe OPEC has taken the best possible measures to protect the bureau from interference.

2. Our backup (small) emergency generator experienced a stator winding burnout during an off-line test on 13 April. The unit is now being repaired and we expect to have it back in service in a few weeks.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

Chief Editor [ ] departed PCS 28 April. [ ] ~~STAT~~  
will be interim chief editor until [ ] assumes the position in ~~STAT~~  
early July.

#### B. Buildings & Grounds

1. Our housing area central air conditioning project is now complete-- with the exception of one house. Work on the remaining house has been postponed until the occupant departs PCS this summer. The project was finished a year ahead of the original timetable.

2. A permanent ladder with safety enclosure, using iron purchased for the pad construction phase of ROSET, has been fabricated and installed to provide access to the antenna's maintenance platform.

3. A specially-designed hood to prevent rain from being drawn into the bureau's generator building air intake during typhoons was fabricated and installed by a local contractor. In the past, when the emergency generator was operating during a typhoon, suction from the exhaust fan pulled rain into the generator room. We believe this new hood will effectively eliminate this problem.

### IV. VISITS

To the bureau: 21 Apr--Lt. Col. Robert Hodor, Chief, Okinawa Area Field Office, USFJ.

24 Apr--Col. Ira C. Owens, Commander, Torii Station, and Maj. Robert Johnson, Chief of Operations, Torii Station.

29 Apr--Capt. Don Proctor, Commanding Officer, and [ ] First Sergeant (husband of ~~STAT~~  
bureau Secretary [ ] , H&S Company ~~STAT~~  
Torii Station.

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From the bureau: 9-22 Apr--[ ] on a trip to China and STAT  
Hong Kong.

30 Mar-15 Apr--[ ] in Seoul for a STAT  
cruising survey.

23 Apr--[ ] departed for the bureau STAT  
chiefs conference.

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Acting Bureau Chief

Attachments:

- A. Coverage Report
- B. Logistics Report
- C. Photo of bureau antenna in 29 April RYUKYU SHIMPO article (Hqs only)

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